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For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:3

Contrary to popular book titles, there are no Easy Steps to Maturity or Secrets of Instant Sainthood. When God wants to make a giant oak, he takes a hundred years, but when he wants to make a mushroom, he does it overnight. Great souls are grown through struggles, storms and seasons of suffering. Be patient with the process. James advised, “Don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed.” (James 1:4)The Bible is filled with examples of how God uses a long process to develop character, especially in leaders. **He took eighty years to prepare Moses, including forty in the wilderness.** For 14,600 days Moses kept waiting and wondering, “Is it time yet?” But God kept saying, “Not yet.”

Don’t get discouraged. When Habakkuk became depressed because he didn’t think God was acting quickly enough, God had this to say: “These things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. **Just be patient!** They will not be overdue a single day!” (Habakkuk 2:3)



Remember how far you’ve come, not just how far you have to go. ***You are not where you want to be, but neither are you where you used to be.*** Years ago people wore a popular button with the letters PBPGINFWMY. It stood for “**Please Be Patient, God Is Not Finished With Me Yet.**” God isn’t finished with you, either, so keep moving forward. Even the snail reached the ark by persevering!

In what area of your spiritual growth do you need to be more patient and persistent? These are my thoughts and I will love to hear from you. Please leave me a comment and tell me what you think of this article.

May Almighty God bless and keep you. Amen.